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Subject:	April 9, 2004 PCAG Meeting Minutes		

A meeting of the Perchlorate Community Advisory Group was held at the San Martin Lions Club, 12415 Murphy Avenue, San Martin, on April 9, 2004.

1. **Pledge:** The Chair, Ms. Sylvia Hamilton, led the Pledge.
2. **Introductions:** See the sign-in roster for attendees. The Committee members and audience introduced themselves.
3. **Administrative Items**
 - a. Mayor Dennis Kennedy added an agenda item regarding the distribution of federal funding for perchlorate contamination. The Chair discussed local fundraising activities for south county residents.
 - b. Interested parties should add their name and contact information to the sign-in sheet on the back table to get on the mailing list.
 - c. Approve March 12, 2004 meeting minutes: The minutes were approved as written. An additional email from Greg Van Wassenhove following the meeting provided information for Sen. Feinstein's office contact for perchlorate issues. Please see below for his information:

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The Chair moved to Item 4.

4. **Regional Water Quality Board Update:** (David Athey, George Cook)
 - a. Regional Board (RB) staff member David Athey discussed recent and anticipated report submittals and work plans by the responsible party (Olin). Mr. Athey provided a summary of the report and work plan's dates of submittal, and expected RB review and comment dates. The Remedial Action Work Plan and 90% Design Report for Soil Remediation was submitted by Olin on April 8th. RB staff will review and provide comments by the middle of May. Mr. Athey requested the Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD), cities and their consultants, and PCAG submit their comments to the RB as soon as possible to allow Olin to move forward with cleanup. The chair commented the report provides logistics to the same clean up topic as discussed at the previous meeting. For the next PCAG meeting (May 27th) the chair requests PCAG members and attendees review the report and prepare comments. The SCVWD has copies of the reports at their website (www.valleywater.org) and copies are available at the Morgan Hill library and Gavalin community college.

Olin is required to submit data in the middle of May characterizing the southern extent of the perchlorate contamination near the City of Gilroy supply wells. Olin will also submit an alternative water supply evaluation report detailing long-term replacement water strategies. RB staff sent a letter to Olin requesting they comment on the Morgan Hill report regarding Tennant well pumping by the end of May. Mayor Kennedy stressed this topic was important, due to increased pumping expected as weather warms. The Tennant well is currently offline due to a perchlorate results slightly above the action level. The First Quarter 2004 Groundwater Monitoring Report will be submitted April 30th, which will include justification for offsite monitoring. Olin is currently using 45 offsite supply wells for monitoring the perchlorate-contaminated groundwater. The RB requested comments from PCAG for all the reports submitted and if you cannot retrieve a report inform Ms. Sylvia Hamilton.

In response to public interest, Mr. Gary Shallcross emphasized the Regional Board views perchlorate contamination as a high priority issue. Perchlorate contamination is a national issue, according to discussion heard from Sen. Feinstein.

Mr. Athey then discussed the Groundwater Flow Assessment Report (due May 5th) which will include analysis of perchlorate data north of the site.

Mayor Kennedy informed the group that Dr. Ting will discuss OEHHA's public health goal (PHG) level set at 6 ppb at the Morgan Hill city council meeting. The maximum contaminant level (MCL) (which is usually equal to or slightly above the PHG) is now under investigation. The MCL in CA can be equal to or more stringent than a federal MCL.

- b. The RB has not yet determined how the increase of the action level from 4 to 6 ppb will change Olin's supply of alternative water. RB staff will meet with Olin regarding bottled water replacement. Committee member, Greg Van Wassenhove emphasize the PHG is only a goal, and due to seasonal fluctuations Olin should continue to provide bottled water as before, at least until an MCL is established. The main reasons bottled water should remain consistent, as discussed, were seasonal and lab variability. The chair emphasized it would be best for Olin's public relations to continue with the same service.
- c. Mr. Athey discussed the ion exchange treatment system currently running onsite. The April 30th First Quarter Report will include data regarding its efficiency and operating parameters. He also presented a map of 45 proposed monitoring and reporting program wells that extend down to Leavesly Rd. These wells are supply wells, and could be screened over a longer interval as compared to monitoring wells. At this time, an action item was unanimously approved stating PCAG's view of the proposed monitoring system:
 - i. *"We request Olin provide additional monitoring wells which are screened at specific aquifer depths. These monitoring wells should be placed to adequately characterize the vertical and horizontal extent of contamination. PCAG does not feel supply wells should be used as the only monitoring wells."*

In regard to the onsite treatment system, extraction wells are potentially capturing all groundwater onsite. Olin has additional onsite monitoring to accurately evaluate the system.

Olin will submit many reports within the upcoming months; RB staff encouraged all attending to review the reports and attend the May meeting to supply comments. Olin may attend the June meetings to discuss alternative water supply.

5. **Bottled Water:** Tracy Hemmeter reported on the bottled water testing and evaluation. The SCVWD has tested Crystal Springs water and all tests were non detect.
8. **Perchlorate Working Group update:** Ms. Hemmeter also discussed the Perchlorate Working Group meeting, which included a review of the Regional Board meeting, and federal funding for grants towards perchlorate research and testing. Any ideas related to the current funding the SCVWD received are welcome, however, the grant cannot be applied to site remediation, but can be used for research on wellhead treatment and water supply issues.
9. Bob Cerruti will chair the May meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

Action Item Passed:

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NEXT PCAG MEETING: Thursday May 27th 7-9 pm at San Martin Lions Club Hall, 12415 Murphy Ave., San Martin. Agenda items to Sylvia Hamilton (sylvialrs@hotmail.com).

Minutes submitted by Kristina Seley